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Celebrating 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi
2 October 2018

A Short Film on Gandhi

At screen of Freedom Square, Vabaduse väljak 9, Tallinn, Estonia
Every half hour throughout Tuesday 2 October 2018

*Generations to come will scarce believe that such a one as this ever in flesh and blood walked upon this earth – Albert Einstein on Mahatma Gandhi*

2 October marks the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, the legendary leader of India’s freedom struggle, who stood for values such as non-violence, truth and peaceful coexistence. This is a time to recall the inspiring leader who believed in, preached and followed these principles throughout his life. There are many such aspects of his persona, beliefs and his work that made India independent and made Mahatma Gandhi a *Mahaan Atmaah* or “The great soul”. His ideology has a resonance and relevance in the contemporary world as well.

As part of the celebrations, the Embassy of India will show a four-minute film on the screen of Freedom Square in Tallinn which consists his inspiring quotes and teachings in a visual narrative using hand drawn illustrations that symbolise the simplicity of Gandhi’s life and teachings. The film’s background track is the instrumental version of the song “*Vaishnava Jana Toh*”, written by the 15th century poet Narsinh Mehta in Gujarati language. The song which always featured in Mahatma Gandhi’s daily prayers speaks about the life and ideals of a *Vaishnava Jana* (a pious man).

The short film was produced by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and will be shown every half hour with Estonian sub-titles, throughout the day on Tuesday, 2 October 2018 on the screen at Freedom Square, Vabaduse väljak 9, Tallinn.

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